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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**[Project No. 4428-011]**

**Walden Hydro, LLC; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing with the Commission and Soliciting Additional Study Requests and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Relicensing and a Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments**

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. Type of Application: New Major License
- b. Project No.: 4428-011
- c. Date filed: May 29, 2020
- d. Applicant: Walden Hydro, LLC
- e. Name of Project: Walden Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: On the Wallkill River, in the Village of Walden, Orange County, New York. The project does not occupy any federal land.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. §§ 791(a) - 825(r)
- h. Applicant Contact: Ms. Elise Anderson, Senior Environmental Permitting Specialist, Walden Hydro, LLC, Enel Green Power North America, Inc., 100 Brickstone Square, Suite 300, Andover, MA 01810; Phone at (978) 447-4408 or email at [Elise.Anderson@enel.com](mailto:Elise.Anderson@enel.com).

- i. FERC Contact: Samantha Pollak at (202) 502-6419, or [samantha.pollak@ferc.gov](mailto:samantha.pollak@ferc.gov)
- j. Cooperating agencies: Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item l below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. *See*, 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).
- k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.
- l. Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status: July 28, 2020.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

- m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. The Walden Project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) a 417-foot-long, V-shaped concrete dam topped with 2-foot-high flashboards; (2) an impoundment with a surface area of 69 acres at the normal pool elevation of 321.3 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD29); (3) an intake structure consisting of a 252-foot-long, 56-foot-wide, 18-foot-deep canal forebay; (4) four 40-foot-long steel penstocks; (5) a 60-foot-long, 45-foot-wide, 29-foot-high powerhouse containing three horizontal double-runner Francis turbine units with ratings of 980 kilowatts (kW), 630 kW, and 500 kW, respectively for a total rated capacity of 2,110 kW; (6) a 30-foot-long, 37-foot-wide tailrace; (7) a 230-foot-long bypass reach consisting primarily of bedrock; (8) a transmission line; (9) a substation with a single-phase 12.5-kilovolt transformer; and (10) appurtenant facilities.

The project operates in a run-of-river mode with a minimum flow of 31 cubic feet per second. The project has an average annual generation of 3,333 megawatt-hours between 2012 and 2019.

o. A copy of the application may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document (P-4428). For assistance, contact FERC Online Support. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC at

FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

p. Procedural schedule and final amendments: The application will be processed according to the following preliminary schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Issue Deficiency Letter (if necessary)	July 2020
Request Additional Information	July 2020
Issue Acceptance Letter	October 2020
Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments	November 2020
Request Additional Information (if necessary)	January 2021
Issue Scoping Document 2 (if necessary)	February 2021
Issue Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis	February 2021
Commission issues EA	September 2021
Comments on EA	October 2021

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

Dated: June 8, 2020.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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